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1. [redacted] Received a call from Jim Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, advising me that the House committee had picked up the erroneous entry of subsection (c)(4) listed among those sections in our exemption in (j)(1) in S. 3418 as it passed the Senate. This will be dropped when the House passes the bill later this afternoon. I later received a call from Steve Daniels, House Government Operations Committee staff, and he also alerted me to the change. I expressed our sincere appreciation to Kronfeld and Daniels for their efforts and the efforts of the other members of their staffs in behalf of the Agency's interests.

I had earlier in the day alerted Frank Reeder, OMB, to the erroneous entry. He requested that we start preparing our views on the enrolled bill so they will be ready upon its receipt. Since it is hoped the President will sign this bill this Friday, if time does not permit the exchange of correspondence OMB will seek oral views and written comments will be submitted later.

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2. [redacted] Called David Batt in the office of Representative Joe D. Waggoner, Jr. (D., La.), and asked if we could be furnished those portions of [redacted] letter to Mr. Waggoner which relate to her concerns as to the inadequacy of the Agency's settlement of her claim for damaged household goods prior to her retirement. I made clear that this was necessary for the Agency's review of her case. Batt said that though the letter was somewhat personal as he mentioned to me last week, he saw no objection to providing us a copy. The letter was picked up later in the day by [redacted] and will be furnished to [redacted] Claims Review Board.

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3. ([redacted]) Talked to Bob Waltheus, in the office of Max Fridersdorf, White House staff, who said that the President was expecting to sign the Foreign Assistance Act amendments tomorrow morning.

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4. [redacted] Called Jim Oliver, OMB, to

advise him that the Director was writing a letter to the President on the intelligence activities provision in the Foreign Assistance Act at the request of members of the NSC staff. I told Oliver that the original of the letter was going to the White House but we wanted OMB to know of this development. It was agreed that Oliver would pick up a copy of the letter for OMB.

Later, Oliver called me to inquire as to the importance of the President issuing this statement on the intelligence activities provision at the time of signing. I told him we felt it was extremely important in view of the lack of explicit security procedures to overcome House Rule XI, Clause 27(c).

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5. [redacted] Guy McConnell, Professional

Staff Member, Senate Appropriations Committee, called to ask if there were any references to the existing oversight committees in law or rules of the Congress. I told him not to my knowledge except by the very names of the subcommittees themselves, a long line of precedents, and the assertion of jurisdiction on legislation and appropriations.

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6. [redacted] Rob Roy Ratliff, NSC staff,

called at 5:15 p.m. to confirm receipt of the Director's letter to the President on the intelligence activities provision of the Foreign Assistance Act.

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7. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from Mrs. Ely, Executive Secretary to Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr. (R., N.Y.), who requested that the briefing on the Soviet Union for Representative Fish be put over until tomorrow, Thursday, 19 December, at 3:30 p.m. [redacted] OCI, has been advised.

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8. [redacted] Accompanied [redacted]

[redacted] OCI, to a meeting with Senator Charles H. Percy (R., Ill.), William Ashworth, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and Charles F. Meissner, also on the Committee staff, on the Middle East. The Senator was most courteous in his remarks about the content of the briefing provided and the support given him and his staff by the Agency. See Memorandum for the Record.

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9. [redacted] Received a call from Thelma Shirkey, Assistant to Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who requested some administrative information on the billing from the commercial reporting firm for the transcript of the briefing of Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments of 12 December 1974. The information was provided [redacted]